

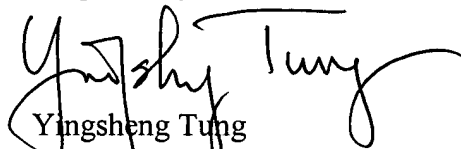
Remarks

Applicant again thanks Examiner Mandala for his careful examination and clear explanation of the rejections. In response, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are improper because the reference cited is not prior art.

The US Patent 6,580,132 was filed on April 10, 2002. Applicant's application was filed on November 8, 2001, which pre-dates the filing date of the '132 patent. Therefore, the rejections against claims 7 -11 based on the '132 are improper.

Applicant respectfully requests that rejections against claims 7 – 11 be withdrawn and the claims pass to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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